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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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By
Dwight L. Moody

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

A great many people tell you, "I will become a Christian when Christ comes and seeks me." I was talking to a gray-haired man, 55 years of age, in my native town not long ago, who, when I spoke to him about his soul, suggested that he would become a Christian when the Lord Jesus Christ came to him. He was waiting till He hunted him personally. And there is a class like him in every community.

Jesus Now Seeking Every Lost Person

What more would you like Him to do for you—what more than He has done already? I would like to ask you just what you would like God to do more for us. He sent to us the prophets and we murdered them. He sent down His Son from Heaven, who was sacrificed by us, and then He sent us the Holy Ghost, who has been in the world for the last 1,800 years, to try and give us peace and happiness. Would you like Him to send His Son again to earth to suffer for your sins? My dear friends, what are you waiting for more? He has been looking for you and hunting for you from your cradle, and I would just like to tell you how He seeks.

There was never a sermon which you have listened to but in it the Lord was seeking for you. That is one way. Some of you might have been asleep while the preaching has been going on, but He has been seeking you while you are asleep. Have not some of you heard a sermon in which you were offered as a sinner to the Lord Jesus Christ, and your conscience was troubled? You went away, but you came back again, and the Spirit of God came upon you again and again, and you were

troubled. Haven't you passed through that experience? Don't you remember something like that happening to you? That was the Son of God seeking for your soul.

You might have had a tract presented to you. You might have turned it off. It might have been headed with this text. That was the Son of God seeking for your soul. He has used a four-page tract—sometimes just one page—to seek to convert a man, and He is seeking through the Bible. I contend that a man cannot but find in every page of this book that He is seeking him through His blessed Word. This is what the Bible is for—to seek out the lost. He seeks them through His works; He seeks them through these ministers; through this building. What is this building for? Why, that you may come and lay your sins right in this Tabernacle—here where Christ is seeking for your souls. Do you think that the Devil put it into the heads of those businessmen, in those times of great commercial depression, to put this building up? Do you think Satan put it into their heads?

It has not been put up to catch

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A SWEET CHRISTMAS

Why shouldn't this Christmas be sweeter

Than ever a Christmas before, When Jesus is tenfold the dearer, Outpouring His grace more and more?

Why shouldn't the future be brighter

With glad expectations each day?

Why shouldn't each burden seem lighter

With Jesus our King on the way?

Why shouldn't our vision be clearer,

His last blest command to obey, While ever His coming draws nearer,

And millions in darkness still stray?

Oh, thus can this Christmas be sweeter

Than ever a Christmas before, If souls that are dying are dearer, And on them Christ's love we pour out.

—ALICE REYNOLDS FLOWER
Christian World Messenger



D. L. Moody, famed evangelist who founded Moody Church

The Names of Our Lord

A Christmas Message

By Rev. Louis T. Talbot, D.D.
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One of the most beautiful of the Christmas choruses which we shall hear over the radio and in our churches during the season when we commemorate our Lord's birth will be that from Handel's "The Messiah," entitled "For Unto Us a Child Is Born." Even as we think of it, the music rings in our ears:

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

It is as beautiful in its way as the awe-inspiring "Hallelujah Chorus"—majestic, worshipful, sublime! Handel must have been a devoted Christian, as well as a close student of the Bible; or he could never have composed this most beautiful of all oratorios, "The

Messiah." If you have never seen a copy of it, my friend, go to a public library and get one; read its pages; and you will find a masterful compilation of Old Testament prophecies of the coming Saviour and King; the story of His suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension into Heaven;

and the prophecy of His coming again in power and great glory. Seldom do we hear the entire oratorio presented at one time, in all three parts. It would be the most eloquent of sermons, if we could only hear it all again and again; for every word is a quotation from the Holy Scriptures, set to music that defies description. A careful reading of Handel's "The Messiah" will show that the musician not only was a master of his art, but that he also loved the one of whom he wrote, remembering that "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

This one chorus alone is filled with "Christmas Chimes" which we would echo around the world!

A Message to a People at War

When Isaiah wrote this remarkable prophecy, he addressed it to a people at war. Judah's wicked, idolatrous King Ahaz was on the throne; "he did not that which was right in the sight of the Lord" (II Chron. 28:1); and when trouble came in the form of a confederacy between Samaria and

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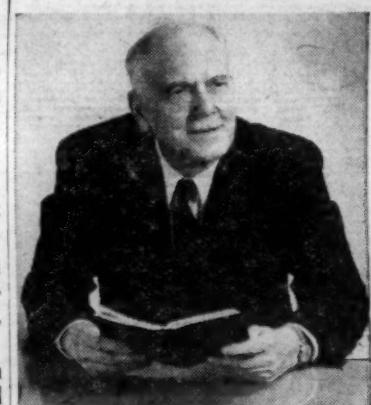
We think this is a very attractive offer. THE SWORD usually sells for \$2.50 per year in the United States, but now you can get six subscriptions for only \$10, which is at the rate of \$1.66 2/3 per year, besides getting absolutely free the \$3 novel, *Seeking a City*, sent postpaid. Thus you get an \$18 value for only \$10.

Thousands should rush their subscriptions at once for the reasons we mentioned above.

Christmas Gift Subscriptions Should Be Rushed

We think we can get Christmas subscriptions enrolled and the greeting card announcing your subscription sent to the recipients if your subscription is in hand by December 10. After that date we will do the best we can, but the mails may be uncertain at Christmas time and we cannot guarantee the cards will be received announcing the subscription before Christmas, unless we have them

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Dr. Lewis T. Talbot

The Virgin Birth

By the Editor

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."—Isa. 7:14.

"A virgin shall conceive and bear a son!" So simply stated is the miracle fact. The Saviour we honor at Christmas time was the virgin-born Son of God.

Two facts in one are stated here. Mary, the mother of Christ, was a virgin when she conceived; she was equally a virgin when the Child was born. Words could not be plainer nor more positive. The Child that was born to Mary had no human father. That was by a miracle, the only one of its kind in history or human experience, the only one recorded in the Bible, the virgin birth of Christ.

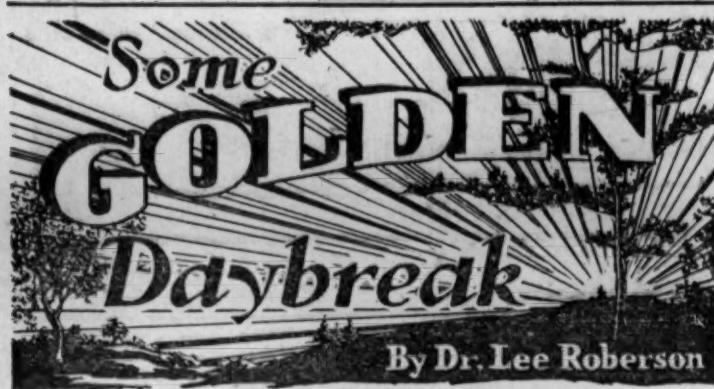
Here was a fact of such importance that it was foretold hundreds of years before the Saviour was born. God would have it understood that His Son would be the very Son of God, a miracle-born Man who should be literally the Mighty God.

The New Testament has the same clear testimony in words that cannot be misunderstood. When the Angel Gabriel came to Mary to announce the coming

conception and birth of the Saviour, he said:

"Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:30-35).

Thus the baby Jesus was conceived and born without a human (Continued on page 8).



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The Man on the White Horse

CHAPTER 8

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."—Rev. 19:11.

"For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."—Matt. 24:27-31.

In other messages we have pointed out that the coming of Christ is in two stages. He first comes for the saints, and then He comes with the saints.

We have discussed the rapture, the judgment seat of Christ, the Great Tribulation, the Antichrist, and other subjects. We now come to consider the second stage of His coming. This occurs after the judgment seat of Christ, and after the marriage supper of the Lamb.

In Revelation 19:7-9, we have the marriage supper of the Lamb:

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and



Dr. Lee Roberson

give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."

In verse 7 we notice these words, "And his wife hath made herself ready." The Lamb's wife here is the bride, the church. We must notice that she was arrayed in "fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."

Now, following this happy scene in Heaven, we come to the study of the Man on the white horse. This is the coming of Christ with His saints. We will notice that He comes from Heaven and that He rides upon a white horse, which symbolizes victory, peace, and purity.

There are three things I want you to see about this white horse rider.

I. His Description

In Revelation 1, we have a stirring description of Christ as He walked in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks. Now, here we have another wonderful picture of

our Saviour as He comes to judge and make war.

"His eyes were as a flame of fire." No one can escape the eyes of Christ. He sees all and His eyes are quick to detect sin.

"On his head were many crowns." This proclaims His authority over all the kingdoms of the earth. The misrule of the earth is to end when Christ begins to reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.

May we notice also His four names. First, "Faithful and True." As He sat upon the horse, this was His name. This name reminds us of His earthly life—He was faithful to the will of God and true in every act.

Second, He had an unknown name. "And he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself." The name was written, but no one knew it but He Himself. There is nothing more to say about this.

Third, "and his name is called The Word of God." We read in John 1:1, 2, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." Christ was with the Father in the creation of the world. The Word was as yet unspoken, but when Christ came into the world, God spoke in Him.

Fourth, His name was King of kings and Lord of lords. This is His official title, and it belongs to Him as Son of man, the rightful heir of all things. When Jesus came to earth the first time, they would not receive Him, and they crowned Him with a crown of thorns. They gave Him a cross instead of a throne. But God will soon speak from Heaven and Jesus will come, and the Saviour will be the King of kings and the Lord of lords upon this earth.

Considering still further His description, we find a word about His vesture. In verse 13 we read, "And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood." Surely this is a picture of the blood which was shed for our redemption. As He comes to the battle of Armageddon His garments will be redened with the blood of His enemies, but here His red garments speak of His sacrifice in behalf of sinners. This Bible is a bloody book. Our religion is a bloody religion. "And without the shedding of blood is no remission."

II. His Armies

"And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean."—vs. 14.

This army which follows the Saviour as He leaves Heaven is made up of all the saints. All of these now come forth with our Saviour, riding upon white horses and dressed in white and clean linen.

The armies do not have any weapons. The armies follow Him who is upon the white horse. The armies are dressed in white symbolizing righteousness. If you are a child of God, you will be in the army of the Lord when He comes at the revelation.

III. His Purpose

In Revelation 19:11 we read, "And in righteousness he doth judge and make war."

In verse 15 we read, "And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."

Our Christ is coming in power and great glory to make war against the beast, the false prophet, and the kingdoms of the earth. He does not come now as the lowly Nazarene, but He comes to tread the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Christ is coming to smite the nations with the sword. The sword goes out of His mouth, which indicates that it is the Word of God. Therefore, by the very Word of Christ Himself, the nations will be put down, and victory will come. The eternal Word will be an offensive weapon. Christ is coming to rule with a rod of iron. This is an altogether different picture from that of Christ who was born in a manger and rejected by His own people.

In closing we must notice that

Are Mormons Right?

Mormons Claim That Their "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," Has Restored New Testament Christianity With Apostles, Creeds, and Prophets, But Their Remarks Indicate That They Are a False Cult

A friend of THE SWORD OF THE LORD sent the editor a pamphlet, *Which Church Is Right?* put out by Mormons of Salt Lake City, Utah, claiming that the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints," or the Mormon church has reproduced Bible Christianity. Two missionaries of the Mormon church have visited this good man's home, and told him how Joseph Smith was supposed to have had a vision; an angel, Moroni, had revealed to him where some golden plates were hidden; he was given some spectacles enabling him to miraculously read these golden plates, and to translate them into what is now the Book of Mormon! Joseph Smith found very convenient "revelations" that he should marry an extra wife or two, and from time to time declared that he had word direct from God, which all men were bound to heed.

In answer to our friend's question, we share with SWORD readers the editor's answer.

Dear Brother W.:

Thank you for your letter, and for the Mormon booklet which you enclosed, *Which Church is Right?*

I am glad to answer your questions about the Mormon church and the booklet, the best I can, and I trust God will use the information. The so-called "Church of Latter-day Saints" was founded by Joseph Smith, a notorious loafer and storyteller. He pretended that he had been selected to receive a revelation from God; that some golden plates were found giving the story of how some Israelites came to America before Columbus, having a new supposed revelation from God. He said that an angel revealed to him these golden plates upon which the story was written in "reformed Egyptian" language. Actually, it has been proven that he got the story from the manuscript of a novel, which he largely copied.

Later, he himself led an adulterous life and then declared that he had received a revelation from God, that men should have more wives than one.

The claim of the Mormon church to be a restoration of New Testament Christianity is utterly false. There are many evidences that this is true.

1. The Book of Mormon is itself a proof of the falsity of their claim. In Revelation 22:18, we are plainly warned that there should be no added revelation of God to the present canon of Scripture, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book."

The Bible clearly and expressly teaches that the canon of Scripture closed with the book of Revelation. So any religion which has any source of teaching which is regarded as a revelation from God like the Bible or alongside the Bible, therefore brands itself to be a false religion. So with Christian Science and the writings of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy. Her writings misinterpret the Bible and make a false basis for the Christian Science religion. So it is also with British Israelism; the great pyramid is counted as inspired and as a source of divine revelation. So

it is with Seventh-Day Adventism which regards the writings of Mrs. Ellen White as inspired and authoritative. So it is with the Roman Catholic church which regards the official decisions of popes and councils, and the traditions of the church as authoritative as well as the Bible. Any religion is a false religion, a false cult, which claims any basis of authority besides the Bible itself. So Mormonism brands itself.

2. But in doctrine the Mormon church shows itself obviously unchristian. It demands baptism for salvation, and good works for salvation. It knows nothing about the new birth. It counts Adam a god, and says that other people get to be gods. Its doctrine that men, especially elders in the churches, should have as many wives as possible, goes against the express declaration of the Bible that the bishop "should be the husband of one wife." The United States government compelled the Mormon church to quit the open practice of polygamy, but it is still taught as a divine revelation received by Joseph Smith and by other leaders since his time.

3. The practice of the church is unscriptural. And their conception of Christianity is utterly wrong and contrary to the Bible.

For example, prophets were not "officers of the church." The pamphlet you sent, *Which Church is Right?* says that the Mormon church "possesses the divine priesthood of God." But there is no human priesthood now, as an official church matter. Jesus Christ is our high priest. All Christians are kings and priests in the sense that we can pray for each other, but we need no human priest and need no sacrifices. Jesus Christ paid man's debt of sin once and for all.

That booklet claims that the Mormon church "is headed by prophets and apostles as was the church in the days of Peter and Paul." That simply is not true. The apostles in the New Testament were not elected by men and they were not officers in the church in the sense that the so-called apostles of the Mormon church are officers in that denomination.

The truth is that the Mormon

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in order for Christ to rule the nations with a rod of iron, He must tread the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. The winepress is a figure of unsparring judgment. The winepress is the wrath of God, and the wine flowing from it the blood of His enemies. In the coming of Christ, His enemies will be crushed under the feet of Him who treads the winepress. The full picture of this will be given in the next message, when we preach on the battle of Armageddon.

In summarizing this vision of

Christ's departing from Heaven with His saints, may we remember:

First, Christ will be victorious.

The unholy trinity composed of

the Devil, the Antichrist, and the

false prophet, will do all they can

to destroy Christ, but He spoke

the truth when He said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Thank God, we are serving a Christ who will be victorious!

Second, we will share in His victories, but we do not fight. It seems that we are nothing more than spectators as the Lord smites the nations with the sharp sword.

Third, we need to live now as we are going to appear with Him.

We will follow Him upon white horses and we will be dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Our lives need to be clean and pure now. We must live in a dirty, sinful world, but our hearts and lives can be clean by the cleansing blood.

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by John R. Rice

These notes are written at Oliver Springs, Tennessee, where I am spending four days with Pastor Ely and the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, beginning this morning (Sunday, November 17). On December 2 and 3 I will be on the program at the Southern Baptist Fellowship meeting at Greenville, South Carolina, and will speak at Bob Jones University. December 5 and 6 I will speak with Brother Harold Council at Paducah, Kentucky. Oh, for the breath of Heaven upon every bit of my ministry. I beg our readers to earnestly pray that God will give His wisdom and power to the spoken and the written word. I am told that there will be fifty preachers in the services tomorrow night, and many more than that will attend the Southern Baptist Fellowship. Of the twenty-eight hundred students at Bob Jones University, eight hundred will be ministerial students. I am sorry that it is impossible to accept every invitation. May God give wisdom so the absolutely essential work may be done, and done well in the power of God. Oh, thank God for sustaining strength and holy anointing! Brethren, please pray for me.

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Let Dr. Rice Send YOU a Birthday Gift on HIS Birthday!

By Jim Culberson
Circulation Manager

Is there a mistake in this heading?

On December 11, Dr. John R. Rice, beloved editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, will celebrate his 62nd birthday. Here at the Sword offices we are planning a get-together for a time of fellowship in his honor.

For 23 years in the pages of THE SWORD, and for 35 years as an evangelist, Dr. Rice has stood firm against modernism and compromise; for all these years he has upheld and preached and promoted the truths expressed in the heading of each issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD—"the Verbal Inspiration of the Bible, the Deity of Christ, His Blood Atonement, Salvation by Faith, New Testament Soul Winning and the Premillennial Return of Christ." You who have read THE SWORD for some time know something of this man's love for the lost, his burden to get out the Gospel by every means at his disposal, especially through the pages of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Each year we receive hundreds of letters from people who write saying they have been saved through THE SWORD OF THE LORD or through other Sword literature. This year, to date, we have had 601 such letters. Thousands write of how THE SWORD has blessed them—how it has stirred them to zeal in soul winning; how in its pages they have found answers to their questions about the Bible and about the Christian life; how they have been comforted in sorrow; how they have been strengthened in times of temptation and weakness; how they have been helped in the stand against modernism and compromise. Only

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Paul says of the Macedonian Christians: "And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God" (II Cor. 8:5). Those who gave themselves to God, gave themselves to Paul. There is no way to separate loyalty to Christ from loyalty to Paul, when Paul represents Christ properly.

So in I Corinthians 11:1 Paul says, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

We read how the children of Israel in the wilderness rebelled against God. They did not like the manna and they did not like the wilderness journey. And so they hated Moses. We are told, "And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread." You see, those who stood true to God had to be true to Moses. Those who rebelled against God, complained and spoke against God's man.

And when many of the children of Israel had danced naked around the golden calf, the Scriptures tell us, "Then Moses stood in the

eternity can tell the tremendous influence and good brought about by Dr. Rice's work as editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Each year thousands of readers and friends send their greeting cards, their letters, expressing their sincere best wishes. What more appropriate time to assure the editor of our appreciation of his stand for principle and truth than on his birthday!

And what more appropriate way could one do this than by sending subscriptions for THE SWORD OF THE LORD, the work dearest to his heart. Surely he would rejoice in knowing that the readers and friends of THE SWORD have common interests and a common burden to help him in getting out the Gospel through the pages of THE SWORD. Surely he would be encouraged in knowing that thousands of SWORD readers stand with him in deed as well as in word.

No doubt many of you plan to send subscriptions during the special campaign now in progress, offering six one-year subscriptions for \$10.00, with his new \$3 novel, *Seeking a City*, free. This novel is now ready. From the first page to the last it portrays the vivid imagination, the scholarly exactness, the spiritual insight which always characterize Dr. Rice's writings. So why not use the handy subscription blank provided, and send your subscriptions now. Don't wait! Have them count as your gift to the editor on his birthday. And Dr. Rice will send you his new novel, *Seeking a City*, with each 6 subscriptions for \$10.00.

Whenever a man is about to stab religion he usually professes very great reverence for it. Let me beware of the sleek-faced hypocrisy which is armor-bearer to heresy and infidelity.—Charles H. Spurgeon

gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him" (Exod. 32:26). Those who were on the Lord's side came and stood by Moses.

THE SWORD OF THE LORD is a fundamentalist magazine. Those who are against fundamentalism will be against THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Those who are for fundamentalism, that is, an open stand for the old-time fundamentals of the faith, will be for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

We are plainly commanded to "earnestly contend for the faith" (Jude 3). Those who are for obeying the Scriptures in standing up for Christ and the Bible ought to be for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

All of us preachers are weak, frail creatures. But God has in mercy planned it that God's money shall support God's preachers, and loyalty to Christ will mean standing by the preachers who are loyal to Christ. Thousands of readers should send subscriptions as a token to Christ and a token to others that they are standing by the men and the institutions which stand true to Christ and the Bible in these testing days! Thus we ask you that you give yourselves afresh to God and to us by the will of God, and indicate it by sending subscriptions.

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Again we remind you that you may have, absolutely free, this (Continued on page 5)

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Dr. John R. Rice, Editor
THE SWORD OF THE LORD
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Dr. Rice:

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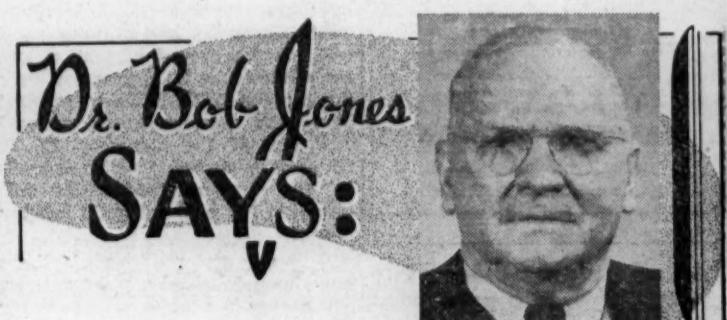
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I have learned from my many years of experience that the spirit of evangelism is essential to the success of any Christian program. We tell our ministerial class at Bob Jones University that whenever the chariot gets stuck in the mud to hitch the evangelistic horses to the chariot and pull it out of the mud. There is one place where there certainly is no danger of overemphasizing evangelism, and that is an educational institution with high academic standards like we have in Bob Jones University. In a school that requires efficient academic work, the evangelistic emphasis cannot be too strong. We believe in culture and high scholastic standards and practical, down-to-the-earth efficiency, but remember, evangelism is essential if any institution is going to be really Christian.

If you believe in the soul-winning emphasis of Bob Jones University, then we would like to have your co-operation. God has vindicated Bob Jones University and is showing the whole wide world, including the mission fields, that its emphasis is right. You can help us. First, pray for us and pray daily and earnestly. Second, help us select the right kind of students. Third, invest some of the Lord's money in the work of the school. Won't you please let us hear from you? Thank you, and God bless you.

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Incidents and Illustrations

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner

Contributing Editor

One in a Million

It would be safe to call Mrs. Mary Devlin, a candy store owner in New York City, one woman in a million. Mrs. Devlin's twelve-year-old son, Robert, was walking down Amsterdam Avenue in New York one day in May of 1956 when a fourteen-year-old boy named Johnny struck him down with an umbrella and killed him. Instead of hating the young hoodlum who had murdered her boy, this bereaved mother set out to help the killer.

She found that he lived in a basement and slept on the floor. He confessed that he did not know what a pair of pajamas looked like, that in all his memory he had never owned a pair of underpants, and that no one had ever taken time to teach him to pray. Mrs. Devlin was so moved with sympathy that she set out to do what she could for this young killer whose past history was a continuous repetition of truancy and vagrancy.

Mrs. Devlin had Johnny paroled into her custody, then she went to Hollywood where CBS's "Telephone Time" dramatized her true story. She used the proceeds to provide psychiatric treatment and rehabilitation for the vicious killer of her son.

We admire Mrs. Devlin and her spirit is most commendable. Yet it does not even begin to approach the matchless love of Almighty God for sinners who had spit in

His face, trampled His love underfoot, and crucified His only begotten Son. When we think of the love of God manifested at Calvary, every other form and type of love fades into insignificance. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us . . ." (I John 3:16). "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God . . ." (I John 3:1).

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THE OFFICIAL POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES IS 169,670,000 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. SURELY EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE ABLE TO WIN AT LEAST ONE OF THESE MILLIONS FOR JESUS CHRIST IN 1958!

Gift-Wrapped Garbage

Seventy-six year old Charlie Dobson, who lives in Chatham, Ontario, Canada, has put the biblical truth of man's total depravity into practice to help him solve his garbage problem. It seems that this particular gentleman lives just outside of his city's garbage collection area and he has no way to satisfactorily dispose of his debris. One day he got the novel idea of taking his table scraps, empty cans, coffee grounds, and other refuse and putting them all in a small box. He then wrapped the box very attractively and set it on the shoulder of the road which passes his neat little cottage. It worked so well he now does it daily.

Charlie chuckled, "I've seen many a car stop, pick up the box and high-tail it down the road and I haven't had a box returned yet!" If you have a garbage collection problem, you might try the same thing.

How true it is, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). The full depth of iniquity which lies buried in every human heart will never be fully known by man this side of the judgment morning.

Millions for Christmas

Speaking of gift-wrapped garbage, the National Distiller Products Company has announced it will spend a record \$7 million just for advertising its liquor products during the 1957 holiday season! The vice president and general manager of the company, D. C. Ohlandt, reported it will be spending three-and-one-half million dollars just for packaging its holiday booze!

Unless I and millions of others have been deceived all of our lives, Christmas is a time set apart for holy meditation in honor of the coming of the Son of God into this world, born of a virgin, to give Himself a ransom for sinners. What a travesty of holiness and holy things is evidenced by these demon-inspired rum runners in using the sacred season to promote their biggest sales pitch of the entire year. Remember, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also . . ." (Hab. 2:15).

What About 'Capital Punishment'?

The Laborites and the Tories in England's House of Commons managed, by combining forces, to pass a law abolishing capital punishment in Britain. The new law, which went into effect last March 21, has proven to be anything but

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Think of it, friend!
Forever and ever, no end!
It staggers my small, finite mind,
My soul to its ages confined!

Eternity!
Where shall I be?
My future state let me see!
My soul, do not rest 'til you find,
Thy refuge in Christ, there re-clined.

Eternity!
I cannot from it escape!
I dare not wait 'til too late,
To prepare for my soul in the sky
A home where I'll nevermore die!

Eternity!
The voice of the lost in despair!
The gnashing of teeth fill the air!
The flame of Hellfire's blast
Is theirs forever to last!

Eternity!
I shrink not nor fear anymore,
Christ is the One I adore!
The ages shall never seem dull,
My heart by Him is made full!

James K. Norton

BJU in Top 3
Ranks With University of Cal. at L. A. and University of Southern Cal. in Motion Picture Courses

GREENVILLE, S. C. . . . The Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers has ranked Bob Jones University as one of the top three schools in the United States in the field of motion-picture instruction. UCLA and the University of Southern California are the other two schools rated in the big three in their cinematic production courses.

According to a survey published in the "Journal of the SMPTE," Bob Jones University is the only school in South Carolina offering work in motion pictures and one of eight institutions in the country



Katherine Stenholm, chairman of the Division of Cinema of Bob Jones University and director of "Unusual Films," the University's Christian motion picture enterprise.

offering degrees in this field. Only three other schools (UCLA, the University of Southern California, and Boston University) are listed with Bob Jones University as offering the master's degree in cinema.

The four other schools whose undergraduate degrees in the motion picture field are recognized by the SMPTE survey are New York University, Columbia University, City College of New York, and the University of Miami at Coral Gables, Florida.

Fifty-five colleges and universities in all were listed in the survey as offering one or more courses relating to the motion picture field. These were classified as general courses, the motion picture as a mass communication medium, production, projection, and the business end of the industry (distribution, advertising, etc.).

Mrs. Gilbert Stenholm is chairman of the Division of Cinema of the Bob Jones University School of Fine Arts and director of "Unusual Films," the Christian and educational motion picture enterprise of the University.

Since the fall of 1950, when the "Unusual Films" studios were completed, Mrs. Stenholm and her staff and students have produced more than a dozen major Christian films, five of which have won national awards. "Wine of Morning," the most spectacular of these, is the only film to date which has won all four top awards of the National Evangelical Film Foundation. These were for the best Christian film of the year, the best actor of the year (Al Carter, the student who played Barabbas), the director of the year (Mrs. Stenholm), and the producer of the year ("Unusual Films," Bob Jones University).

In addition to its major films, the University studio has released several television programs and short promotional features. The latest TV venture has been production of a series of thirteen programs on color film which will be distributed nationally by the American Council of Christian Churches. This series, entitled "A Look At the Book," features Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of the University.

"A Look At the Book" will soon be made available for showings other than television on a rental and long-lease basis, direct from "Unusual Films."

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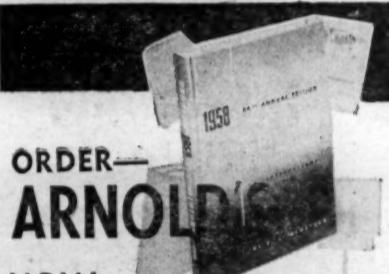
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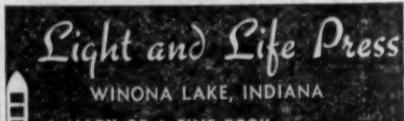
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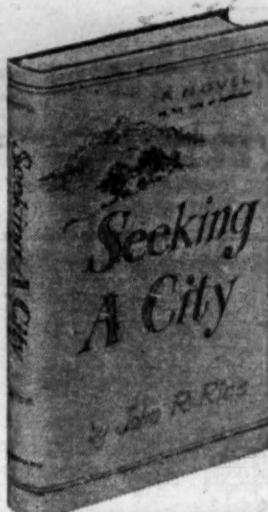
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Liked Billy Sunday's Booze Sermon

A good friend, Edwin L. Lehman, of Camden, New Jersey, writes us most kindly as follows:

"Dear Doctor:

"The Billy Sunday booze sermon in this week's SWORD was read with keen interest.

"When Sunday was in Philadelphia in 1914, I was in his 2,000 voice choir every weekday, except Monday, and twice on Sunday. He preached two hours, not the twenty minutes that is in vogue today. He had no mike to ease his throat. He lost ten pounds each sermon, not the whole campaign. The audience of 18,000, many standing, would have stayed longer than the two hours. He had no advertising agency.

"In ten weeks in New York he converted 98,000 souls from very much less population and poorer transportation. Homer Rodeheaver and the choir had no amplifying apparatus, but he had no trouble getting the choir and the last eight rows in the audience to sing a song. Some of the favorites then were "Brighten the Corner Where You Are" and "If Your Heart Keeps Right." The only rehearsal the choir had was the half-hour preservice song service.

"They had no powerful organ to carry the tune, but they did have Rodeheaver's powerful voice, and B. D. Ackley, the famous pianist, to put some life into the music. Ben Ackley set such a fine pattern that it has been copied by evangelists since. Mr. Ackley very seldom used a book except perhaps for a solo accompaniment.

"In regards to booze and tobacco, the medical books state that both are poisons, so what other reasons do humans need to make them want to avoid them? My old school books say the same. Why pay large taxes for schools and not get this important point across to our children?

"Sincerely,"

(signed) Edwin L. Lehman

We have had a number of letters from people who were blessed by the reprinting of Billy Sunday's booze sermon, "Get On the Water Wagon." Where else can you get the great sermons of the past like in THE SWORD OF THE LORD?

With the EVANGELISTS

By the Editor

"We have just closed our revival meeting with the **FREDDIE GAGE - JIMMY SNELEN EVANGELISTIC TEAM**. During this eight-day campaign there were 45 professions of faith, 39 of these being added to the church by baptism; 18 additions by letter and 2 by statement . . ." So writes Rev. John R. Meadows of First Baptist Church, Perry, Oklahoma. He reports other results, such as rededication of Christians, family altars established, etc. He states further: "Freddie Gage is a wonderful gospel preacher. Jimmy sings the gospel truth with great power. I certainly recommend this team as a pastor's friend." The church and pastor hope to have this team return for another campaign.

EVANGELIST AL WELLS of 2450 S. Bannock Street, Denver 23, Colorado, recently closed a campaign in the Cheyenne Baptist Temple, Cheyenne, Wyoming, where Rev. Don Gresh is pastor. Ten adults accepted Christ, there were 12 additions to the church, the evangelist reports.

Sword Staff **EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS** was with the First Baptist Church, Lloydminster, Sask., Canada, in a campaign which closed November 3. Pastor L. E. Jones writes the editor: "There was good attendance . . . we finished up with the largest

Good News for Smart Christians

Starting with the first issue of 1958, THE SWORD OF THE LORD will feature weekly a brand new series of crossword puzzles called *The New Testament in Crossword Puzzles*. Each puzzle will be based upon some single passage of Scripture and all the clues will be found in that one portion. We think you readers will find it most interesting, challenging, enlightening, and real enjoyment. Decide to at least try. Once you become interested, you'll want to continue week after week.

Since smart Christians want to learn more about the Bible, this series will appeal to you as a profitable and enjoyable means of digging into the Word of God and making new discoveries of precious truth!

Sunday School attendance in over two years. Dr. Wells preached straight from the shoulder and gave Bible messages that exalted Christ. We had 16 professed conversions, two of them men past 65 years of age . . . We highly recommend Dr. Wells to any church that wants a man to stir their hearts and win souls for Christ."

Dr. Sherman Lemmon of Grace Baptist Church, Richmond, California, reports he is well pleased with the meeting held recently with **EVANGELIST JACK VAN IMPE** (14 Gage Street, Pontiac 16, Michigan). Fine crowds attended the campaign, and there were about 12 first-time decisions, many rededications. This is the second time the evangelist has been at Grace Church.

1,026 Claim Christ

In Janz Brothers Basel, Switzerland, Crusade

During the month of September the Basel Crusade for Christ was conducted by the Janz Brothers Team of The Europe Radio Crusade. Many Christians in Basel responded to the cottage prayer meeting program. One hundred and fifty counsellors from many different churches were trained under the supervision of Harry Goldmann of The European Evangelistic Crusade. A Crusade choir was organized under the leadership of Herb Jantzen.

The attendance was excellent. During the second half of the campaign adjacent auditoriums of the Mustermesse were used for the overflow crowds who listened to the service through loudspeakers.

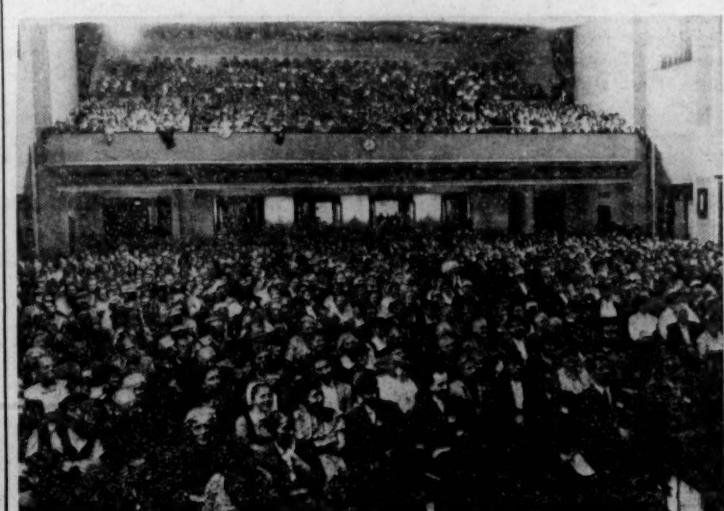
A total of 1,026 first-time decisions for salvation were recorded. One pastor who admitted that he had seldom won a soul to Christ saw five of his own children saved. A young man whom the police had been seeking came to one meeting, made his decision for Christ, and confessed to the police. In many services young couples ready for divorce were saved and are beginning a new home life in Christ. (Switzerland leads the world in divorce rate). In another service a school teacher and his pupil both came forward to accept Christ. One night a young man was saved, and the following night he brought his brother and sister who also came for salvation. Later he brought his parents who came to Christ as well. Whole families were saved. Above all many young people made their decision for Christ.



Janz Brothers Team

An extensive follow-up work is now in progress. All converts receive the Navigator's Bible course. All names of those who made a decision are turned over to evangelical pastors. The most effective follow-up work is done through a visitation program by trained lay people. A report of each visit is sent to the Crusade office.

For all that has been done we say, "To God be the glory."



Revival Crowd in Mustermesse at Basel, Switzerland, Crusade

Since smart Christians appreciate getting something of value for nothing, this announcement will truly be good news to you! In addition to the blessing of working the puzzle and obtaining the personal profit of spiritual knowledge, we will give a free gift to every one sending in the correct puzzle. There will be no waiting this time, but a free gift will be given for every correct puzzle as soon as it is sent in to us. By way of example, the first free gift, to be given for the correct answers to the puzzle in the January 3 issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, will be the classical booklet of twelve chapters by E. M. Bounds, *Power Through Prayer*.

Special Big Bonus Gift

In addition, not only are we going to give an award each week for each correct puzzle sent in, but we will also give a free Scofield Reference Bible to every reader who sends in fifty correct puzzles during the entire fifty-two weeks of the year! The puzzles in this New Testament series are going to run every week throughout 1958 and if you get fifty of the fifty-two correct, the Bible will be yours with our compliments. We think you will find this series of puzzles the easiest to work of any series we have published heretofore. More details about the new crossword puzzle series next week.

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We plead with you, dear Christian friend, to help us to send these Hebrew Christians not costly gifts, but "something to eat for Christmas."

Another grateful missionary and relief worker has written: "Your letter and the many packages which followed it, especially the CARE food parcels, gave us no end of joy and encouragement, since we were able to help so many in their terrible hunger and distress."

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Urgent for Us, Too; We Have Lost Hundreds of Subscribers Recently

Recently it has become popular to attack fundamentalists. Through the years we expected that, of course, from modernists. Now it has become the fad of some Bible-believers, who desperately want to please the modernists, who want to stay in modernistic denominations and co-operate with the National Council of Churches, and have the approval of the daily papers, to sneer at fundamentalists and fundamentalism. *Christian Life*, *Christianity Today*, the *Southern Presbyterian Journal*, and *Eternity* magazine have joined in with denominational magazines and outright modernists to say mean things about fundamentalists. Drs. Bernard Ramm, Vernon Grounds, Carl Henry, Editor Robert Walker, and Dr. Billy Graham join them. Fundamentalists are described as "too much fun, too much damn, and too little mental" (Dr. Vernon Grounds, *Eternity* magazine). Dr. Kenneth S. Kantzer of Wheaton College lectured at Northwestern Schools, founded by the late W. B. Riley who was president of the World's Funda-

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mentals Association, on "Three Reasons Why I Cannot Be a Fundamentalist." And Mrs. W. B. Riley was present! Dr. Carl Henry in *Christianity Today* labels fundamentalists as "anti-intellectual." Dr. Nelson Bell in the *Southern Presbyterian Journal* urges that fundamentalists do not have love like they ought to in not co-operating with modernists. Dr. Billy Graham, before the National Association of Evangelicals in Buffalo, last April, said that extreme fundamentalists would not have co-operated even with D. L. Moody, and that "God has bypassed extreme fundamentalists." He had repeatedly said in England, Canada, and America, "I am not a fundamentalist."

But THE SWORD OF THE LORD is an out-and-out fundamentalist magazine. We have always claimed to be. We have had fellowship with the beloved W. B. Riley. I have preached in his church and at his conferences, and we published his book. For years we have boosted great fundamental leaders in literature—men like Torrey, Bryan, Billy Sunday, James M. Gray, Scofield, Machen, and Trumbull. THE SWORD OF THE LORD is a fundamentalist magazine. We have never claimed to be less. At the top of the front page of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, year after year, we have published this statement:

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Perhaps the most harm was done us by Dr. Billy Graham's attacks. He was once on the Co-operating Board of the Sword of the Lord. We boosted him year after year. Then he attacked us in the *Baptist Standard*, and then denounced all "extreme fundamentalists" in public and in print.

Now, naturally thousands of people who took THE SWORD OF THE LORD and knew our stand have been lured away from their once happy fellowship with fundamentalists. They want no fight against modernism. They think love should not have any controversy! A letter answered today from a denominationalist who said he is a fundamentalist, says that THE SWORD OF THE LORD makes the same mistake that Cardinal Stritch of Chicago made. He sent me a copy of his letter to Cardinal Stritch accusing him of "the same intolerant spirit toward the World Council of Churches' meeting in Evanston." He thought that Cardinal Stritch, the Catholic leader, and I ought to go along with the modernists and the World Council of Churches and that we are both intolerant and full of hate! He urges that the modernists, since they are not Mohammedans or Confucianists, must be Christians and so we ought to call the modernists brethren and ought to work with them in the National Council and the World Council.

This man, Stephen L. Testa of the "Scripture Truth Society," Los Angeles, says, "And what will be your disappointment when at the last day 'many [modernists] will come from the east and west and shall sit with Abraham . . . and you the children of the kingdom be cast out in outer darkness' (Matt. 8:11-12)." And then he says, "I would like to save you

Are Mormons Right?

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concept of what is the church of Christ is utterly unscriptural. It has the Roman Catholic idea of a human denomination. But the Bible never refers to denomination as a church. Jesus did not establish these denominations. No man is an appointed or elected apostle of God or priest of God, or prophet of God. If God's Spirit comes on one he may prophesy, but a prophet is not an officer of the church. And God never intended that there should be any apostles except those that God Himself sent directly in New Testament times. We need no apostles now to reveal the divine truth, now that the Scriptures have been completed.

To become a Mormon would be a great shame. It would mean to turn one's back on New Testament Christianity and thus take part in the damnation of many, many souls who might be deceived by that false religion.

In Jesus' name, yours,
John R. Rice

and other fundamentalists from that awful fate!"

So hundreds have cancelled their subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD because of our stand for the Bible and against yoking up with modernists. No doubt hundreds of others have failed to renew their subscriptions. So the matter is urgent with us. We want those who believe the Bible, those who are still fundamentalists with character and integrity enough to stand for the fundamentals of the faith, to back up this out-and-out fundamentalist magazine. Help us get thousands of subscriptions so the ministry and influence of this out-and-out Bible champion magazine will continue to be one of the most powerful Christian influences in America!

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Do you believe that it was Satan who put it into the hearts of those ministers to preach the Word, and to come here night after night? Do you believe that was the Devil's work? It is the Son of man seeking for your souls. And this building and these crowds of people ought to act as a reminder and a warning to every man and woman walking these streets.

This is another way He seeks you. Many of you in the silent midnight hour have been troubled; you could not sleep and your reason has been at work, and the Son of man has come into that chamber, and you have felt Him knocking at the door of your hearts, and you knew it was just to save you. Many of you have passed through that experience. In that hour the Son of God has sought you.

Many of you have gone into the sick chamber of the loved mother, or loved wife, or dear child, and you have felt the knock at your heart. You have been summoned from your room in the stillness of the night, and you have been told your loved ones have passed away—many of you recollect an incident like this in your lives. At that moment your heart has told you you ought to be a Christian. That was the Son of man who sought you. At the grave of some lost one, too, you have heard a voice whispering, "Consecrate yourself to Him." That was the Son of God seeking you. Many of you must have experienced this. There has not been a day in your lives that He has not sought for you, and He still seeks for you.

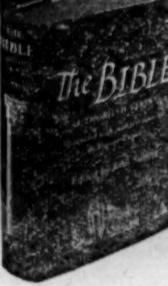
Now, forget for a moment the preacher, forget for a moment all your surroundings, and pause to ask yourselves this question: "Has not the Son of man sought for my soul?" I will tell you again when He seeks for you. He seeks for you when He is abroad in the community. Has not the Son of man been abroad in this community? Go up to Farwell Hall and see

the crowds of people who go there every day; look at the multitudes that nightly assemble here. They don't all come to hear Mr. Sankey sing, for there are many better singers in Chicago. It is not to hear me preach, for there are many far better preachers in the city. It is the Spirit of God that brings them. Many of you in your experience have, while in church listening to the preaching, got mad at something said in the sermon, which you thought very personal, and have gone out. That was the Son of man seeking your soul.

I remember, while in Philadelphia, a man with his wife came to our meetings. When he went

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out he wouldn't speak to his wife. She thought it was very queer, but said nothing, and went to bed thinking that in the morning he would be all right. At breakfast, however, he would not speak a word. Well, she thought this strange, but she was sure he would have gotten over whatever was wrong with him by dinner. The dinner hour arrived, and it passed away without his saying a word. At supper not a word escaped him, and he would not go with her to the meeting. Every day for a whole week the same thing went on. But at the end of the week he could not stand it any longer, and he said to his wife:

"Why did you go and write to Mr. Moody and tell him all about me?"

"I never wrote to Mr. Moody in my life," said the wife.

"You did," he answered.

"You're mistaken; why do you think that?"

"Well, then, I wronged you; but when I saw Mr. Moody picking me out among all those people, and telling all about me, I was sure you must have written to him."

It was the Son of man seeking for him, my friends, and I hope there will be a man here tonight—that man in the gallery yonder, that one before me—who will feel that I am talking personally to him. May you feel that you are lost, and that the Lord is seeking for you, and when you feel this, there will be some chance of your being saved.

When I was taking my family South last summer, I heard of a man who would not go to church, but would go to a theater. He was a hard case—he was a drinking, swearing, gambling man. He heard that a minister was going to preach in a theater, and he went. When he heard the preacher talking, the man was convinced that he was preaching at him, and he went out swearing and stamping, and told all the people outside that he had been insulted by the minister, and he intended to wait for him and give him a good licking. When the minister came out he was seized by the collar, and the man greeted him by saying,

"Why, sir, you have insulted me!"

"I don't know you, sir," said the minister.

"Why," replied the man, "you have picked me out among all those people, and told them all about me."

It was the Spirit of God seeking him, and the result was that the Spirit got hold of him, and lately I heard of him, and he was going all through the South, telling the people what God had done for him. And, my friends, tonight, if you believe that anything I am saying applies to you personally—if you feel in your hearts that you are a great sinner, it is the Son of God who is after you—who is seeking for your lost soul.

The Greatest Loss—Your Poor Soul!

There is one word in this text I wish you to observe, and that is the word "lost." I wish you could realize its meaning thoroughly. If it was really understood I don't think there would be a dry eye in this assembly, and one wail would go up from this hall to Heaven. You pity men who have lost wealth; you pity men who have lost goods in the Chicago fire; you pity men who, once wealthy, are now almost starving. Such things naturally excite our sympathy. But what is all this loss of wealth—to the loss of the soul? You pity the men who once occupied a great position in the world and who are now reduced to beggary—your heart goes out to those unfortunate men. But what is the loss of position in comparison to the loss of the soul? If a man loses wealth, character, reputation in the world, he may gain it again; but oh, friends, if he loses his soul he can never regain it. You pity those who have lost their children. You have, perhaps, been called to a funeral today where the father and mother have been laying away their little child. You pity them; it is

a terrible loss. But what is that loss in comparison to the loss of the soul? A little child born and taken into the loving bosom of Jesus is far better off than to have been reared and run the risk of losing its soul.

I was in an infirmary not long since, and a mother brought a little child in. She said,

"Doctor, my little child's eyes have not been opened for several days, and I would just like you to do something for them." The doctor got some ointment and put it first on one and then on the other, and just pulled them open.

"Your child is blind," said the doctor; "perfectly blind; he will never see again."

The further a man goes in lust and iniquity the more dead he becomes to purity and holiness; he loses the power to appreciate the beauties of virtue or to be disgusted with the abominations of vice.—C. H. Spurgeon.

At first the mother couldn't take it in, but after a little she cast an appealing look upon that physician, and in a voice full of emotion, said,

"Doctor, you don't mean to say that my child will never see again?"

"Yes," replied the doctor, "your child has lost his sight, and he will never see again." And that mother just gave a scream, and drew that child to her bosom.

"Oh, my darling child," sobbed the woman, "are you never to see the mother that gave you birth? never to see the world again?"

I could not keep back the tears when I saw the terrible agony of that woman when she realized the misfortune that had come upon her child. That was a terrible calamity, to grope in total darkness through the world; never to look upon the bright sky, the green fields; never to see the faces of loved ones; but what was it in comparison to the loss of a soul? I would rather have my eyes plucked out of my head, and go down to my grave in total blindness, than lose my soul.

In my native town, one afternoon a man went out to see to his stock. Seven o'clock came and he did not return; eight o'clock came and there was no sign of him; nine o'clock came and still he did not come. It was a dark night, and the news spread through the streets that the deacon must have been killed. When the news was flashed around they did not fold their arms and say they would wait till daylight and start out and seek for him; but the old and the young men saddled their horses instantly, and lighted their torches, and went forth into the darkness to find the lost one. They found him in the pasture, killed, and brought him into the little village, and I never saw a community so excited and so grieved. But what was that—the cutting from a man's life of say twenty years—to the loss of a soul? The whole village mourned over the deacon's death.

A drunkard may go on through life in his mad career and go down to the grave, and no one will weep for him. His life is one long day of misery. None care for him while living, and none notice his ending. He came to save that soul: He stooped from the throne of glory to the manger to bring that lost soul back again. Oh, that you could realize what a lost soul is. He wants you to take the title of lost sinner. That's what He wants you to do. "He came to seek and to save that which was lost;" and if a man will only know he is a sinner, and cry from the depths of his heart, the Lord will come right to where you are.

Will You Admit You Are a Lost Sinner?

Mr. Needham told me, this afternoon, a little incident that happened to himself and wife while in Massachusetts. While at Essex, in that State, someone told him

that if they went up to a point on a mountain they would get a view of the country for twenty miles around. They went up to the rock, and came down, and started for home. They got out of their path, but they treated this lightly—thought it was a good joke, and went on laughing. I suppose if anyone had come and warned them of danger they would not have heeded the warning. But they went on, and six o'clock came, and at last darkness settled down upon them, and there they were in the wilderness, and they found they had lost their road altogether. For some time they groped their way through the woods, the darkness growing deeper and deeper, but only found themselves more and more bewildered. At last he got to the top of a tree and shouted, "Lost! lost!" and his cry of distress reached the villagers, who came out with their lanterns and torches and rescued them.

Oh, that some poor soul will feel that he has wandered out of the true pathway and will cry, "Lost! lost!" and the Lord Jesus will hear you and come right down to where you sit. He is looking for you, and if there is one here who has gotten into the wilderness, but let Him hear your cry and He will find you. He came to this earth expressly to rescue you. Is there a poor drunkard here tonight who wants to come? He can save a drunkard just as easy as I can turn my hand. He can turn that cup of liquor from you as easy as you turn to it now. Is there a poor libertine here tonight who wants to curb his evil passions? He can save you. Oh, may the Son of man find some poor victim here tonight, and there will be joy in Heaven over that poor wanderer who shall come home.

I remember while in a town East at the time of the loss of the Atlantic on the banks of Newfoundland there was a businessman in the town who was reported lost. His store was closed, and all his friends mourned him as among those who went down on that vessel. But a telegram was received from him by his partner with the word "Saved," and that partner was filled with joy. The store was opened and the telegram was framed, and if you go into that store today you will see that little bit of paper hanging on the wall, with the word "Saved" upon it. Let the news go over the wires to Heaven tonight from you. Let the word "Saved" go from every one of you, and there will be joy in Heaven. You can be saved—the Son of man wants to save you; it will refresh the heart of the Son of God tonight. He wants to save every soul within these walls—everyone who is willing to be saved.

There was among those who came to our meetings in New York a man who used to come every night, and he never seemed to get any light—never seemed to come any nearer God. I almost got tired of speaking with him at last. But one night when some young men were giving their experiences he got up. I wondered what he got up for, because the very last time I spoke to him he seemed more hopeless than ever. He got up and he told how he had become a Christian. He said one day he was walking down Broadway; the street was crowded with people and carriages and horses, and while he was thinking, this thought came to him, that if he only gave his consent the Lord would save him, and he gave it at once, and it was accepted. He was, too, one of the most hopeless cases in the city. But give your consent and let the Lord save you in His own way. Give your consent and He will meet you. Just say, "O Lord, I consent to be saved; will You save me?"

There is a very good story told of Rowland Hill and Lady Ann Erskine. You have seen it, perhaps, in print, but I would like to tell it to you. While he was preaching in a park in London to a large assemblage, she was passing in her carriage. She said to her footman when she saw Rowland Hill in the midst of the people:

"Why, who is that man?"

"That is Rowland Hill, my lady."

She had heard a good deal about the man, and she thought she

would like to see him, so she directed her coachman to drive her near the platform. When the carriage came near he saw the insignia of nobility, and he asked who that noble lady was. Upon being told, he said:

"Stop, my friends, I have something to sell."

The idea of the preacher becoming suddenly an auctioneer made the people wonder, and in the midst of a dead silence he said:

"I have more than a title to sell—I have more than the crown of Europe to sell; it is the soul of Lady Ann Erskine. Is there anyone here who bids for it? Yes, I hear a bid, Satan, Satan, what will you give? I will give pleasure, honor, riches—yea, I will give the whole world for her soul. Do you hear another bid? Is there any other one? Do I hear another bid? Ah, I thought so; I hear another bid. The Lord Jesus Christ, what will You give for this soul? I will give peace, joy, comfort, the world knows not of—yea, I will give eternal life. Lady Ann Erskine, you have heard the two bidders for your soul, which will you accept?"

And she ordered the door of her carriage to be opened, and came weeping from it, and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ.

He, the great and mighty Saviour, is a bidder for your soul tonight. He offers you riches and comfort, and joy, and peace here and eternal life hereafter, while Satan offers you what he cannot give. Poor lost soul, which will you have? He will ransom your soul if you but put your burden upon Him. Twenty-one years ago I made up my mind that Jesus would have my soul, and I have never regretted the step, and no man has ever felt sorry for coming to Him. When we accept Him we must try to be like Him. Your sins may rise up as a mountain, but the Son of man can purge you of all evil and take you right into the palaces of Heaven if you will only allow Him to save you.

A lady had a little child who was dying. She thought he was resting sweetly in the arms of Jesus. She went into the room and the child asked her:

"What are those clouds and mountains that I see so dark?"

"Why, Eddy," said his mother, "there are no clouds or mountains, you must be mistaken."

"Why, yes, I see great mountains and dark clouds; and I want you to take me in your arms and carry me over the mountains."

"Ah," said the mother, "you

must pray to Jesus; He will carry you safely," and, my friends, the sainted mother, the praying wife may come to your bedside and wipe the damp sweat from your brow, but they cannot carry you over the Jordan when the hour comes. This mother said to her little boy:

"I am afraid that it is unbelief that is coming upon you, my child, and you must pray that the Lord will be with you in your dying moments."

And the two prayed; but the boy turned to her and said:

"Don't you hear the angels, mother, over the mountains, calling for me, and I cannot go?"

"My dear boy, pray to Jesus and He will come; He only can take you."

And the boy closed his eyes and prayed, and when he opened them a heavenly smile overspread his face as he said,

"Jesus has come to carry me over the mountains."

Dear sinners, Jesus is ready and willing to carry you over the mountains of sin, and over your mountains of unbelief. Give yourselves to Him; only grant your consent. It lies with your own will, and, if you but accept His offer, from the clouds of your transgressions you shall be lifted into the Heaven of joy and peace that the world knows not of.

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Syria, designed against Judah, the children of Judah and their faithless king were sore afraid. But God had a faithful prophet in Judah, the mighty Isaiah; and to him the Lord said:

"Go forth to meet Ahaz . . . and say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted . . . It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass" (i.e., this attempt on the part of Judah's enemies; see II Chron. 28:1-15; Isaiah 7:1-9:7).

Ahaz did not deserve this goodness from God; neither did those in Judah who had departed from the Lord. But God does not deal with His people according to what they deserve! If He did, "who could stand" before His holy presence? And the abundance of His grace was revealed in a special way to Judah's wicked King Ahaz; for it was in connection with this prophecy of Isaiah to the children of Judah that the Holy Spirit uttered two of the most wonderful promises concerning Israel's promised Messiah and the world's Saviour and King. To the "house of David"—not to Ahaz alone, but to David's "house," the prophet promised the virgin-born Emmanuel, saying:

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel" (Isa. 7:14; cf. Matt. 1:22, 23).

And to the people in Judah who would heed His warning and obey His command God spoke again, in this time of crisis during the reign of Ahaz, saying that the Divine child was "Israel's only hope." And this is what the inspired prophet said:

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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" (Isa. 9:6, 7).

Today, after nearly twenty-seven hundred years, Isaiah's message comes down from God to a world threatened by war. Even at Christmas time, when we remember the birth into the world of "The Prince of Peace," nations are threatening and arming with all the fierceness and cruelty known to man. All over the world there is pain; there is anguish; there is sin! Yet down the centuries still echoes the voice of the prophet of God, pointing fallen man to "Israel's only hope," even the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of sinners. If only the nations would look back to the manger where the Divine Child was born; back to the cross of the eternal Son of God who was "given" to a lost world; and forward to His coming again to be recognized by all men everywhere as the One whose name shall be called "Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace"! If only the nations would read and understand God's Word, which foretells "wars and rumors of wars," even until the King of kings and Lord of lords is back on earth to reign! But the nations will not heed the warning. Thank God! Millions of individuals in the nations today do look back to the Christ of the cross, and forward to the Christ of glory as the only solution to this world's problems! It is to such as these, to all who will be born again, that the "Christmas Chimes" of Isaiah's glorious prophecy can give light and hope and peace, even in a warlike world. For such as these—all who will love the Lord Jesus Christ—His own reassuring message offers comfort and blessing, "I will come again!"

Communists may think they can overthrow the nations of the world where Christ is named; they think they can stamp out Christianity; but no confederacy formed against God's people can stand. Christ shall one day sit upon "the throne of His father David;" and "of His kingdom there shall be no end." The message of Isaiah to Judah in the days of Ahaz comes down the centuries to all of God's children, "Fear not, neither be fainthearted . . . It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass."

"Unto Us a Child Is Born, Unto Us a Son Is Given"

The birth of the Child Emmanuel is here distinguished from the giving of the Son of God. The Child was, indeed, the Son of God; but the language used by the Holy Spirit is significant. As a Child, in human flesh, Emmanuel, that is, "God with us," was "born" in Bethlehem's manger; but as the Son of God He had no birth, no beginning or end; as the Son He is eternal! As the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, our Lord wanted to die for sinners. But God cannot die; therefore, in order to "taste death for every man," the eternal Son of God was "made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). Because He was born of the Virgin Mary, without a human father, because God was His Father, and He was born of the Holy Spirit; He was the sinless God-man. Because He was perfect Man, He could suffer and die for us; because He was eternal "God manifest in the flesh," He was sinless, all-powerful, divine. Let us never fail to recognize the clear teaching of all the Scriptures, that, as the Child, He was "born" into the world on that first Christmas; but as the Son of God He was "given" to become the world's Saviour and Israel's Messiah.

Satan has ever sought to get
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The Virgin Birth

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man father. And the angel commented upon the conversation thus: "For with God nothing shall be impossible"! (Luke 1:37).



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In Matthew 1:18-25 we have again the clear testimony that the Saviour was born without a human father, and that Mary was "with child of the Holy Ghost." That Scripture says:

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS."

Here the Holy Spirit has Matthew quote from Isaiah 7:14 the blessed prophecy that "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Note how faithful is this verse of Scripture in Matthew 1:23 a translation of the one in the Old Testament in Isaiah 7:14. The Old Testament verse was written in Hebrew, the New Testament verse was written in Greek, but both translated into English, come out with exactly the same meaning and almost exactly the same words.

The explanation of the angel of the Lord to Joseph about the child that Mary would bear is this, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 1:20).

And then the plain exact statement is given that Joseph "took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS" (Matt. 1:24, 25). Thus Mary was a virgin when the child was conceived of the Holy Ghost, and a virgin still when the baby was born.

Oh, blessed Mary, who doubted

You may lose a great deal for Christ, but you will never lose anything by Christ. You may lose for time, but you will gain for eternity; the loss is transient, but the gain is everlasting.—C. H. Spurgeon

not but believed what God said! And, oh, blessed Joseph, who "did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him," doubting not at all that God would do what He had long promised to do, and have a virgin conceive and bring forth a child!

The Virgin Birth a Sign the Lord Himself Has Given

In Isaiah 7:14, introducing the promise of the virgin birth are these words: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive," etc. The virgin birth of Christ, then, is strictly given as a sign to "the house of David." Mary was of the house of David; so was Joseph. All the descendants of David knew, and surely they know now, that no other son of David has been able to restore the kingdom of David. None ever will, until the virgin-born Son returns to take up His reign on the throne of His father David.

This virgin birth, then, is one of the signs of His deity. Some ignorant or unbelieving man may say that it matters not whether Jesus was born of a virgin. But he is dead wrong, foolishly, wickedly wrong. If Christ was not born of a virgin, then the Bible is not true. If Christ was not born of a virgin, then He is not the Son of God, the appointed Son of David. This is the sign, that a virgin should conceive and bring forth a Son.

Emmanuel, God With Us

The name that the virgin was to give to her Son is Emmanuel, which being interpreted means "God with us." Here is the union of God with man. Here is one Being, utterly human, and yet utterly divine. He is a God-man. He is the Son of God, and He is likewise the Son of man. Of Him it is written that, "A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind" (Isa. 32:2). Of Him Pilate said, "Behold the man" (John 19:5). Of Him Paul and Barnabas preached, "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins" (Acts 13:38). Of Him the Holy Spirit could say through Paul that "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the MAN Christ Jesus" (I Tim. 2:5). Christ was a man because He was born of a woman.

But of the same wonderful Person it was prophesied that "his name should be called . . . THE MIGHTY GOD" (Isa. 9:6). Of Him the Holy Spirit could say through John, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and THE WORD WAS GOD" (John 1:1). Of Himself even, this Christ would say, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). The Holy Spirit through Paul accredited Him even "equal with God" (Phil. 2:6).

Christ was the Mighty God, one with the Father, and had the form and glory of God and was equal with God. By Him God created the worlds (Heb. 1:2; Col. 1:16). But He condescended to become a man. So one of His many lovely names is Emmanuel, meaning God with us.

Jesus is a man because Mary was a woman. Jesus is God because Mary was a virgin woman.

This two-fold nature of Christ is illustrated again in the prophecy in Isaiah 9:6 which says, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." Christ was, humanly speaking, a child born. He was, divinely speaking, a Son given. As a human being, Christ began to be when He was conceived and born from the womb of a virgin, but as God, the Son, He was with the Father before the world began. The Word was in the beginning with God, and the Word was God.

So in this happy Christmas season let us never forget that the Lord Jesus was a man. He was tempted in all points like as we are and yet without sin. We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities (Heb. 4:15). Christ knows all the sorrows of the sorrowing, the weariness of the tired; He knows the tears of the sad, and the grinding, bitter pov-

erty of the poor. Christ knows the love of a mother, the helplessness of a child, the slander of enemies, the desolation of the homeless, and the loneliness of the misunderstood. His body knew the lash as a slave, and knew the cross as a criminal. His heart knew the ache of hatred and the pain of slander and the torment of being misunderstood and despised. Christ was a man. And yet the same Christ knows all the wisdom of God, all His holiness, all His righteousness, all His tenderness, all His mercy! Christ is the Child born and the Son given. He is Emmanuel, God with us! What good news to sinners! Hal-lujah, what a Saviour!

The virgin birth of Christ is one of the fundamentals of our faith. On it hang all the great doctrines about the person and work of Christ. Let no one ever say, "It doesn't matter what a man believes just so he is sincere." Without believing this simple fact that Christ is the miraculously born Son of a virgin and Son of God, the man without a human father, the God-man, Emmanuel, that is to say, God with us, one cannot be a Christian, one cannot trust Him for salvation. Let every preacher, every teacher, every Christian worker be held to this great fact of the Bible. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Emmanuel, conceived and born of a virgin.

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Names of Our Lord

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rid of Christ; yet today all over the world there are those who are remembering the Saviour's birth. It is true that Christmas has been commercialized; it is true that many will sing the Christmas carols who do not know the Lord. Yet the carols are sung! All the civilized world is constantly reminded of the Christian's Christmas. Surely that fact alone is a silent testimony to the deity of our Lord! And then there are the multitudes of God's redeemed children who observe this sacred season because they love the Child of Bethlehem, who is the only Saviour and the coming King of kings!

There is another silent testimony to God's value upon the birth of Christ in Judea nearly two thousand years ago: All secular history dates from His birth. Even the infidel has to bear testimony to His birth every time he writes a check, every time he dates a letter. The historian, whether he be Christian or not, must write of the Caesars who lived "before Christ," and of Napoleon and Shakespeare and all the world's great men who lived "in the year of our Lord" at such and such a time. Every teacher of history must tell his pupils that the birth of Christ stands in the center of the ages, whether he wants to honor the Christ of the cross or not. It is an irrefutable fact, which God Himself so ordered, to let all men everywhere know that honor is due His eternal Son.

The Virgin's Son

Matthew and Luke, guided by the Holy Spirit, have written the beautiful story of the birth of the Christ Child, born of the Virgin Mary. Poets have sung of the wise men and the star, of the shepherds and the angels, of the manger and the faithful care given by Joseph to the Infant Jesus. Luke has told us also of how Joseph and Mary fulfilled the Law of Moses, and took the Child to the temple when He was eight days old, to fulfill every single command given to godly Jews. Luke has told us of the adoration of Simeon and Anna in the temple, as well as of Mary's song of praise when she rejoiced in God, her "Saviour." To the first two chapters of Matthew and Luke we turn for this beautiful story. Over the radio and from our churches we hear it re-echoed—this song the angels sang on the Judean hills, this song that still rings out its "Christmas Chimes" to a war-torn, sin-weary world. "There's a song in the air" at this Christmas season; and it makes our burdened hearts glad. Josiah Gilbert Holland has sung it in the words of his beautiful hymn:

"There's a Song in the Air!"
There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a Baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while
the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!

There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth,
For the virgin's sweet Boy
Is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire and
the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem
cradles a King!

We rejoice in the light,
And we echo the song
That comes down through the
night
From the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely evan-
gel they bring,
And we greet in His cradle our
Saviour and King!"

"And the Government Shall Be Upon His Shoulder"

Beautiful as the Christmas story is, it would hold no abiding meaning for a world in sin if the Christ Child had not lived a sinless life on earth, if He had not gone to the cross to pay the penalty of sin for a bankrupt humanity, if He had not risen from the dead and ascended into Heaven.

en, there to intercede for His own, if He had not promised to return in glory to usher in everlasting peace and righteousness. It is the prophet's reassuring promise that "the government shall be upon his shoulder" which gives hope to a world in darkness and despair at this Christmas season. Moreover, this promise of that prophet is but one of hundreds of like prophecies by God's other prophets. It is but the foretelling of similar promises by our Lord Himself when He was on earth, and by His inspired apostles after He went back to Heaven.

"The government shall be upon his shoulder . . . Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever."

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The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

When Jesus comes, when "the government shall be upon his shoulder," then there will be justice for all; the poor will not be oppressed; minorities will not be persecuted; poor suffering Israel will not be hunted and treated with contempt and cruelty; the wicked shall be "cut off," immediately compelled to obey the righteous laws of the King! Today "the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty" (Ps. 74:20). In that coming day God's righteousness shall cover the earth "as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9). As we think of our Lord's rule over this troubled world, we can but pray, in the words He taught His disciples:

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven . . . For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever. Amen."

"His Name"

The names given in Scriptures to our Lord are highly significant. There are many of them, because one or a dozen or very many names could never tell the wonders of His person and work. Someone has said that there are more than five hundred proper names and descriptive terms used in Scripture to portray the Holy Trinity. And names in Bible times had much significance.

Today the names of men have ceased to distinguish them, or to signify their characteristics or their mission in life. I heard of a man who named his child "Dora" simply because a rich kinsman had promised to give the child a rich gift if she were called by that name. Had the father inquired, he would have learned that "Dora" is an abbreviated form of "Theodora," which means "the gift of God." Again, "Henry" is a name common enough; it means "Home ruler, ever rich," one who manages his home affairs wisely and well. Yet all of us have known many Henrys who have not exemplified the meaning of the name. "James" means "superior"; yet how many bearing that name have not lived up to its meaning? History is filled with the stories of very inferior men named "James."

In Bible times, however, it was not so. Among the Hebrews, names had very definite significance. Abraham, the father of the Hebrew nation, left the idolatry of Chaldea, and erected altars to the true and living God. And it was the Lord "Himself" who changed the patriarch's name "Abram," which means "high father," to "Abraham," which means "the father of many nations." Abraham did become the father of the Israelites, of the Ishmaelites, of the Midianites, and of other nations of history. And, in a wider, spiritual sense, he became "the father of us all" who believe in the Lord Jesus as the only Saviour of sinners.

Pharaoh's daughter gave Moses his name because she "drew him

out" of the water. Jacob's name, signifying "supplanter," one who takes the place of another, was changed by the Lord to "Israel," meaning "a prince with God." When he saw the ladder which reached to Heaven, Jacob called the place where he saw the Lord "Beth-el," even "the house of God." When he wrestled with the angel, he called that place "Peniel," meaning "the face of God." All twelve of Jacob's sons were given names suggestive of certain conditions existing at their birth. "Samuel" means "asked of God." "David" signifies "beloved." We might go on endlessly, illustrating from the Hebrew names the significance attached to them. But these few suffice to illustrate the importance the Hebrews gave to their proper names. Therefore, they were deeply impressed by the many beautiful names which God gave to them concerning Himself.

For example, when He spoke to Moses from the burning bush, He called His name "I AM THAT I AM," indicating both self-existence and eternity. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He applied this name of deity to Himself many times, saying: "I am the light of the world"; "I am the bread of life"; "I am the good shepherd"; "I am the door"; "I am the resurrection and the life"; "I am the way, the truth, and the life"; "I am the vine." And when He said to the unbelieving Jews, "Before Abraham was, I am," they sought to stone Him for claiming to be God. (See John 8:58.)

His name, "Jesus," means "Saviour." "Messiah" is the Hebrew for the Greek word "Christ." "The Lamb of God" speaks to us of His sacrificial work on the cross. "Lord" is a name for deity; "Jehovah" is the Old Testament word often used for "Lord"; and "Jehovah" means "The self-existent One who reveals Himself." "Son of God" emphasizes His deity; "Son of man," His humanity. As the eternal "Word" who was "made flesh, and dwelt among us," He told forth the very thoughts of God toward us—never-dying love. "The Holy One of God" tells us that He was without sin. "Redeemer" speaks to us of how He bought us from the penalty of everlasting condemnation. Then He is called "The King of glory"; "Shiloh," which means "Peacemaker"; "The Good Shepherd," "The Great Shepherd," "The Chief Shepherd,"—these three names signify His atoning work on the cross, His intercessory work at "the throne of grace," and His kingly glory. He is called "the rose of Sharon," "the lily of the valley," "the chiefest among ten thousand," the One "altogether lovely"—all reminding us of His beauty and perfection. "The Nazarene," "the Carpenter," "the Servant of Jehovah"—these tell us of His humble lowly obedience to His Father's will.

Whole volumes have been written on the many beautiful names given to the Triune God; but these will suffice to illustrate the importance which the Scriptures attach to the names of our Lord. They will serve to prove to us that the Prophet Isaiah and the people to whom he wrote realized something of the far-reaching implication associated with the names given to the promised Messiah in the message we are considering today—the message which we have chosen to call "The Names of Our Lord." Verily they did ring out "good tidings of great joy" to a people who sat in darkness; for they heralded the coming of "a great light," even the One whose name shall yet be called, by all men everywhere, "Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Like the ringing of a bell, they send their chimes down the ages, promising a kingdom "wherein dwelleth righteousness," promising a golden age yet to be ushered in by Him whose promise never fails! As these chimes of Christmas echo down the centuries, let us listen to their clear, unmistakable message of righteousness and peace and "good will" yet to cover the earth.

"His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful"
Our Lord Jesus has always been "Wonderful." Before the

heavens and the earth were created, He was wonderful in His Being—in His glory and beauty. In Old Testament times He was wonderful in His patience and love with His sinning creatures. How faithfully He led them and taught them and chastened them throughout all the centuries!

He was wonderful in His birth; for He was born as no other human being was ever born. God was His Father; He was "conceived by the Holy Ghost." He was the "only begotten Son of God." A beautiful star led wise men to His crib; angels filled the sky on the night when He was born. Humble shepherds and learned scholars worshiped Him in His lowly manner. He was wonderful in His birth!

Our Lord Jesus Christ was wonderful in His life. He lived a holy, sinless life on earth. His Heavenly Father spoke more than once from Heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:17; 17:5). Jesus Himself could say, "I do always those things that please him" (John 8:29). And His apostles ever spoke with authority in such terms as this:

He "was in all points tempted like as we are sin apart."

He is "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens" (Heb. 7:26).

Our Lord Jesus Christ was wonderful in His life!

He was wonderful in His works. Only because He was God could He perform His mighty deeds. Moreover, because He always was, is now, and ever shall be the God of love, He had compassion on the multitudes. He healed the sick, opened the eyes of the blind, raised the dead, cast out demons, comforted the broken-hearted, forgave sins. Only God can do those things! As the Creator, He manifested His power over nature, turning the water into wine, stilling the tempest, walking upon the sea, multiplying the loaves and fishes. Thus He showed His power over nature, sickness, demons, death, and sin. He was wonderful in His works, in order to prove that He had every right and all power to become our Sin-Bearer and Lord and King.

Christ Jesus was wonderful in His words. Even the officers who were sent by the Pharisees to take Him prisoner could only reply, "Never man spake like this man" (John 7:46). He always spoke

the truth—the truth about the Triune God and His plan of salvation; the truth about things to come; the truth about man's moral and ethical obligation to God and to his fellowman.

The Lord Jesus was wonderful in His death. No one else ever died as He did—a propitiatory sacrifice for sin. He died that we might live. He died willingly, gladly for lost, never-dying souls!

Our Lord was wonderful in His resurrection. In His glorified, yet very real, body Christ bore the keys of hades and the grave (Rev. 1:18). He broke the bands of death, robbing Satan of his mightiest weapon. Because He lives, we too shall live!

He was wonderful in His ascension into Heaven. Angels attended His return to His eternal, uncreated glory, reassuring His loved ones that He would come again. (See Acts 1:11.) The Father in Heaven greeted Him with those marvelous words of, "Welcome home, foretold by David a thousand years before David's Son was born in Bethlehem:

"The Lord said unto my Lord [i. e., God the Father said to God the Son; for David's Son was David's Lord], Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool" (Ps. 110:1).

Our greatest high priest, even Jesus, is wonderful in His present ministry at the right hand of the Father; for there He "ever liveth to make intercession" for His blood-bought children (Heb. 7:25). He is our "Advocate with the Father" (I John 2:1). When we sin, He prays for us, chastens us, and restores us to fellowship with Himself. He guards and cares for us—and how patiently He deals

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Names of Our Lord

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with His own! He is wonderful in His authority, power, and love!

"And his name shall be called Wonderful" when He comes in glory to reign. The whole world will be filled with His glory. From all eternity He has been wonderful in the eyes of the Father and the Spirit, in the eyes of angels, and in the eyes of His saints—separated ones. But when He rules over the earth, all men will call Him "Wonderful." And His glory shall cover the earth "as the waters cover the sea." All that mankind has ever desired that is worthy and true, all that is good and righteous and just, all that godly men have dreamed about and more—these will all be realized when Jesus comes again. Longevity will be restored to men. Even the animal kingdom will live at peace; for birds and beasts and cattle will be subject unto Him. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall feed together; and a little child shall lead them. There will be no more thorns; "the desert shall blossom as the rose." Every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree; the poor and needy shall be enriched; and the lame man shall leap as the hart. Our Lord will be wonderful in His reign of glory upon earth!

"His Name Shall Be Called . . . Counsellor"

We may not even attempt to say that, in ages past, the world of men has accepted Christ as Counsellor. Today the unbelieving world still rejects His counsel. Instead, "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed . . ." (Ps. 2:2; Acts 4:26-28). The godless world crucified the "only wise God our Saviour" (Jude 25). Even those of us who love Him and truly want His counsel all too often fail to go to Him for wisdom and guidance! We are self-willed, impatient, forgetful of our utter dependence upon Him who "doeth all things well." But in the ages to come it will not be so. All men shall call Him "Counsellor." In

His inherent worthiness, He has always been the only safe and true Counsellor; but never yet has the sinful world accepted Him as such. Six thousand years of human history are but the record of failure and sin on the part of frail humanity; and the nations are rushing headlong to eternal doom—all the nations that forget God. But when Christ sits upon the throne of David, then all men everywhere will ask, "Who hath been his counsellor?" He shall judge in righteousness and equity; and ". . . the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord" (Isa. 11:2).

The Lord will be the righteous Judge, as well as King of kings. He will satisfy the afflicted soul; He will guide His people continually; and be to them as "a watered garden." "Sorrow and sighing shall flee away." And there "shall be no more curse."

"And His Name Shall Be Called . . . the Mighty God"

The Lord Jesus Christ was the Almighty God throughout the past eternity. He was "God with us" in His incarnation. As the God-man, He moved among men, performing mighty miracles. Then, in His death, it looked to the world as if His claims to deity had proved false; the world thought He was a failure. But His resurrection, foretold in the Old Testament and by the Man of Galilee Himself, proved for all time and for all eternity that Jesus of Nazareth was the Almighty One, the One into whose hands had been committed "all power in heaven and in earth." For forty days He showed Himself alive to those who loved Him; then in His ascension He added further proof that all His claims to deity were forever established. And yet it will not be until He takes the reins of government in His omnipotent hands that the whole wide world will acknowledge Him as "The mighty God." But that day will come just as surely as were all His prophecies fulfilled

in His death and resurrection and ascension into Heaven. "The word of God can not be broken."

This name of our Lord takes us back to the days of Abraham when the patriarch first told that the God in whom he had put his trust was "El Shaddai," "The God who is enough." It was when Abram was ninety years old and nine that El Shaddai appeared unto him to say, "I am the Almighty God [El Shaddai]; walk before me, and be thou perfect" (Gen. 17:1). At this meeting of the Lord with Abram the latter's name was changed to Abraham; the token of

ning—all of God's universe speaks to us of His omnipotence. As a school boy I learned to sing, and still love to repeat the words,

*I sing the almighty power of God
Which made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas
abroad,
And built the lofty skies.*

But how does this manifestation of power help me? Simply because I know that the Almighty God is able to keep my soul which He has redeemed by His own pre-

Saviour Jesus Christ. When He was upon earth, He told men that He did the works of the Father, that He was worthy of equal honor with the Father, that He was in the Father and the Father in Him. The fifth chapter of John makes these claims very clear and unmistakable. Our Lord came to fulfill the Father's will, to speak the words of the Father's love for lost mankind, to "declare" or "manifest" the Father. To Philip's request that He show to the disciples the Father, Christ said:

"Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?" (John 14:9).

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him" (i. e., led him forth into full revelation); see John 1:18.

"The everlasting Father" is a comforting name! Everything about us is fleeting, changing, temporary. The world is ever seeking, yet never finding that which will abide, apart from the message brought down to earth by the Son of God, whose "name shall be called The everlasting Father." It is no wonder that Napoleon, while reviewing his army before the pyramids of Egypt, said, "There is nothing lacking here"; then, catching his breath, he added, ". . . except permanence." It is startling to us to see how the things of earth come to naught. Where are the Pharaohs today? Where are the men who built one of the most wonderful kingdoms the world ever saw? They are withered old mummies in a glass case in the British Museum. Where are the Caesars today? They are a handful of dust that helps to make up old Rome. Where is Nebuchadnezzar today? The exact site of his palace of splendor cannot even be identified. When, some years ago, I stood in the British Museum and saw helmets of brass, breastplates and swords and all the armor that knights once wore, I wondered whose eyes had flashed through those helmets, whose beating

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Christmas Bells

*I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play.
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!*

*And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep;
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"*

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

the Abrahamic covenant was established; and the birth of the son of praise was foretold for the ensuing year. "Walk before me, and be thou perfect," El Shaddai said unto Abram; and for such a walk the Almighty God promised strength and companionship by the way.

Almighty! What a word that is! It symbolizes the source of all power, all majesty, all might. Christ's almighty power shaped a world into being. His voice brought order out of chaos, light out of darkness, life eternal out of everlasting condemnation and death. By the power of the risen Christ all nature fulfills its mission. Every flower, every tree, every mountain, every valley, every bird-song, every flash of light-

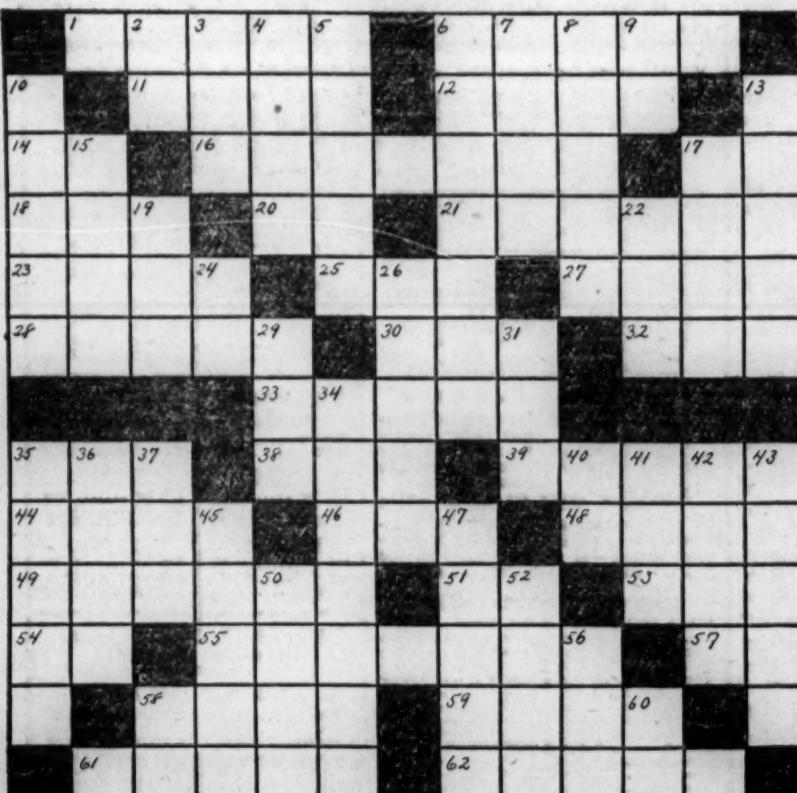
cious blood. Since He has "all power in heaven and in earth," I may trust Him with all that concerns me, knowing that Satan and all his hosts cannot pluck me out of His all-powerful hands! In my pilgrimage to Heaven I often stumble and fall; but underneath are the "everlasting arms" of the Almighty God, El Shaddai, the God who is enough!

"And His Name Shall Be Called . . . the Everlasting Father"

The name, "The everlasting Father," foretold the coming of the one who was always one with the Father, even our Lord and

A Permanent Feature

By Uncle Roger



Many have written to us telling of blessings received from working the puzzles and signifying their desire for the continuance of them in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. As one lady says, ". . . hope this may be a permanent feature." Now we cannot promise that they will be a "permanent feature," but an entirely new series based on the New Testament will begin on January 3. Our present group of puzzles will end next week with Puzzle Number 50. It is our earnest desire that this new feature will be even more profitable than the last.

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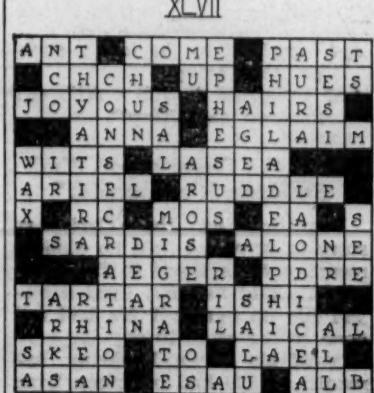
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2. A tract, region, or deposit of sand; beach (pl. form)
3. A Roman emperor
4. An occurrence supposed to portend some future event
5. United States (abbr.)
6. The Sea of _____
7. Wait order (abbr.)
8. A small point made with a pointed instrument
9. New Latin (abbr.)
10. The brother of Simon Peter who was also an apostle
11. Falls into error
12. A baglike part of an animal or plant
13. Jesus said to the rich young ruler, "Go and _____ that thou hast, and give to the poor."
14. Any deep- or immeasurable space or chasm
15. A meadow
16. To use or wield diligently
17. A writer of an ode or odes, o-i-_____
18. James (abbr.)
19. Division (abbr.)
20. To go or come in to a place
21. The Assam silkworm, —r-a
22. Condensed moisture
23. Elisha told Naaman to _____ in the Jordan seven times.
24. Studded with stars
25. The first two letters of a city mentioned in I Samuel 5:10
26. Any tree yielding caucho (rubber), u-____
27. The objective case of "we"
28. To direct; order
29. Island (abbr.)
30. Forbidden by tradition or social custom
31. "A bruised _____ shall he not break" (Matt. 12:20).
32. To consecrate
33. To be filled with longing

Clews Down

2. Engineman (abbr.)
3. A sheep in its second year, —e—
4. A son of Shuthelah (Num. 26:36)
5. Moves on rollers or small wheels
6. Comforts; consoles
7. A name of Christ (Rev. 3:14)
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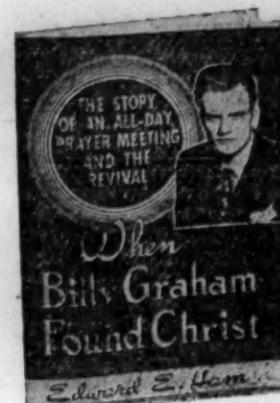
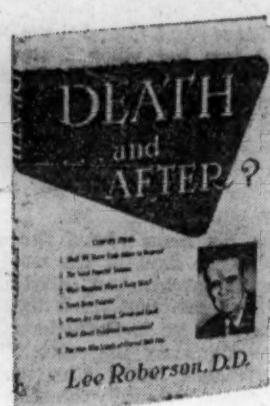
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hearts those breastplates had once protected.

Today we carry in our pockets coins bearing the image of a past president of the United States of America. Where is he now? Even the metal of the coin is wearing away.

Today you and I sit in the pews of our churches; we who are ministers stand behind our pulpits. Tomorrow, if the Lord tarries, we shall be gone. And yet, in the midst of all this change, you and I long for life. We want to live, and rightly so. We bury our loved ones in the graves; and one asks us, "If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14). The infidel has no answer of hope. The worldly-wise says, "We do not know." But God's living Word tells us that He whose name is "The everlasting Father" reassures us, saying, "I am the resurrection, and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26).

As we rejoice in the name of "The everlasting Father," we sing also in the words of the much-loved hymn:

*"Change and decay in all around I see;
Oh, Thou who changest not,
abide with me!"*

"And His Name Shall Be Called . . . the Prince of Peace"

When Christ was born in Bethlehem, the angels appeared unto the shepherds as they watched their flocks by night; and this is what they said, "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased" (Luke 2:14, A. S. V.).

It was Christ Himself who said to His own, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

The peace that Christ gives to the redeemed includes "peace with God," "the peace of God," and "peace on earth."

"Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).

"Having made peace through the blood of his cross . . . he is our peace" (Col. 1:20; Eph. 2:14).

The sad truth is, my Christian friend, that many of God's born-again children do not know what it means to have "the peace of God" in a restless, troubled world. They are saved by His grace for all eternity; yet they worry and fret and fear what tomorrow may bring. All the while God loves them, and longs for them to rest in His sure promise of grace sufficient for every need. Through the Apostle Paul He bids us every one who has been redeemed to heed His admonition:

"Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6, 7).

And in that coming day, which seems to us to be even at our doors, the Lord Jesus, "The Prince of Peace," will come in glory to establish "peace on earth" which will be literal, world-wide, and abiding. Today men are gathering every piece of scrap metal, that it may be converted into implements of war. Swords that have rusted, plowshares that have been thrown away to the rubbish heap—every conceivable piece of usable material is being turned into tanks and bombs and guns. But the day will come when our Lord Jesus ". . . shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isa. 2:4).

Christmas chimes! And what chimes these are! They peal out the "good tidings of great joy" which the angels sang to the shepherds on the Judean hills that

first Christmas night. They echo in our hearts at this Christmas season in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, bidding us think upon Him who was the virgin's Child, born of the Holy Spirit, the eternal Son of the Father in Heaven. They tell us that He was "the only begotten Son" of the Father, "given" to a world lost in sorrow and sin. They point us on to that yet future day when all men everywhere shall call His name "Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." With the psalmist of many centuries ago we sing, with hearts of joy and peace:

"They That Know Thy Name Will Put Their Trust in Thee."—Ps. 9:10.

"And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness. The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee" (Ps. 9:8-10).

When Sankey Sang the Shepherd Song on Christmas Eve

The beautiful story of a song that gave glory to God on a Christmas Eve many years ago has been printed in a little tract, entitled, "When Sankey Sang the Shepherd Song on Christmas Eve." We quote it here in full, because it gives honor and glory to the Christ of Bethlehem and the Christ of the cross.

It happened that on Christmas Eve of the year 1875, Ira D. Sankey, to whom God had given wonderful power to sing the Gospel as he worked with Dwight L. Moody, was traveling by steamboat up the Delaware River. It was a calm, starlit evening, and there were many passengers gathered on the deck. Mr. Sankey was asked to sing; and, as always, he was perfectly willing to do so. He stood there leaning against one of the great funnels of the boat, and his eyes were raised to the starry heavens in quiet prayer. It was his intention to sing a Christmas song, but somehow he was driven to sing "The Shepherd Song."

*"Saviour, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Thy tend'rest care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us;
For our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou has bought us; Thine we are."*

*"We are Thine, do Thou befriend us;
Be the Guardian of our way:
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us;
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Hear, oh, hear us when we pray.*

*"Thou has promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou has mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
We will early turn to Thee.*

*"Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will.
Blessed Lord and only Saviour,
With Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou has loved us, love us still."*

"There was a deep stillness. Words and melody, welling from the singer's soul, floated out over the deck and the quiet river. Every heart was touched. After the song was ended, a man with a rough, weather-beaten face came up to Mr. Sankey, and asked,

"Did you ever serve in the Union Army?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Sankey, "in the spring of 1860."

"Can you remember if you were doing picket duty on a bright moonlight night in 1862?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Sankey, very much surprised.

"So do I," said the stranger; "but I was serving in the Confederate Army. When I saw you standing at your post, I thought

to myself, "That fellow will never get away from here alive." I raised my musket and took aim. I was standing in the shadow, completely concealed, while the full light of the moon was falling on you. At that instant, just as a moment ago, you raised your eyes to heaven and began to sing. Music, especially song, has always had a wonderful power over me, and I took my finger off the trigger.

"Let him sing his song to the end," I said to myself, "I can shoot him afterwards. He's my victim at all events and my bullet cannot miss him."

"But the song you sang then was the song you sang just now. I heard the words perfectly,

*"We are Thine, do Thou befriend us;
Be the Guardian of our way."*

"Those words stirred up memories in my heart. I began to think of my childhood and my God-fearing mother. She had many, many times sung that song to me. But she died all too soon; otherwise, much in my life would no doubt have been different. When you had finished your song, it was im-

possible for me to take aim at you again. I thought, "The Lord who is able to save that man from certain death must surely be great and mighty"—and my arm of its own accord dropped limply at my side.

"Since that time I have wandered far; but when I saw you just now, standing there praying, as on that other occasion, I recognized you. Then my heart was wounded by your song. Now I wish you would help me find a cure for my sin-sick soul."

"Deeply moved, Mr. Sankey threw his arms about the man who in the days of the war had been his enemy. And this Christmas Eve the two went together to the manger in Bethlehem, and to the Christ of the cross. There the stranger found Him who is the only Saviour," the One of whom the angel and the prophet sang many centuries ago:

"And the angel of the Lord . . . said unto them [the shepherds], Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:9-11).

"For unto us a Child is born,

unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

—The End—

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5. If asked, "Is it wrong to dance, play cards, or attend the theatre?" answer very pleasantly, "Oh, that is a matter for private judgment. It is not for me to say you shall or shall not."

6. Preach on the loveliness of virtue and the glory of Heaven, but not on the sinfulness of sin, and the terrors of Hell.

7. Reprove the sins of the absent, but make those who are present pleased with themselves, so that they will enjoy the sermon and not go away with their feelings hurt.

8. Make the impression on worldly church members that God is too good to send anyone to Hell, even if there is a Hell.

9. Preach the universal Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, so as to show that no second birth is really needed.

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